

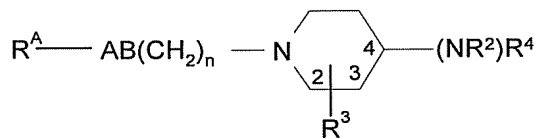
**Amendments to the specification**

- Before the 1<sup>st</sup> line of the application, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a national stage entry of PCT/EP2003/006754, filed June 25, 2003 which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/391,710, filed June 26, 2002.

- In the abstract, after the first paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

The piperidine derivatives include compounds of formula (I):



(I)

wherein  $\text{R}^{\text{A}}$ , AB, n,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^4$  are as defined herein. For example,  $\text{R}^{\text{A}}$  is an optionally substituted bicyclic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system, and  $\text{R}^4$  is a group  $\text{U}-\text{R}^5$  in which  $\text{R}^5$  is an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclic ring system as defined herein (e.g. optionally substituted pyrido [3,2-b][1,4] thiazin-yl).